

THE STORY OF "TATER" GREEN.

How he Gained his Queer Name—His Account of the Wonderful Trotting Ox That Beat all the Horses and Finally Unmistakably Lost a Race.

A correspondent, writing from Zanesville, Ohio, says: Perhaps one of the most remarkable trips on record, in point of variety and novelty of incidents, has been recalled to mind by the removal of R. S. Green, of Perry county, to this city.

It is a story that has long been a public, your correspondent visited Mr. Green and obtained the following account of his journey. The story is vouched for by a dozen witnesses in this vicinity.

In March, 1859, Green and five comrades left their homes in Northern Ohio in the vicinity of Findlay, Hancock county, with the avowed purpose of making their fortunes at Pike's Peak or Cherry Creek diggings at St. Louis.

They procured an outfit, and, several parties joining them and banding together, took boat on the Missouri river. It was in the afternoon when, all being embarked, the boat left the wharf, her decked packed with anxious gold-miners, who, reckless of all restraint, made the air ring with their noise.

Warmed by whisky and excitement, the party kept far into the night, until the threats of the captain, which had been taken good-naturedly and unheeded, began to provoke anger.

Green, with a number of others, wished to sleep, but could not do so on account of the turmoil around him. At last he hit on a happy expedient. Raising his voice, he gained the attention of the crew, and said: "Boys, I've a motion to make."

"I'll second it," answered another malcontent from the far side of the cabin. "Well, I move," said Green, "that somebody sings a song, and then we'll all keep still."

The motion was put, seconded and carried unanimously with a whoop and a hurrah, and the company insisted on Green's being the chorister of the occasion.

"No, nothing like that, accepted the situation, and announced that he would sing "Taters." Nobody was acquainted with this practical tune, but everybody acquiesced in it and undertook to help as chorus.

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